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PRUSSIA.

To us whose constitutional history presents so striking a picture of progress from a state of comparative despotism to one of the most enlightened liberty, the struggle between the different elements of power in any State before they have come to assume and act up to their proper functions must ever be a matter of the deepest interest. Now it is the popular side that has run rampant and has overturned the barriers of judgment and reason, giving rise to all the horrors of anarchy. Again it is the autocratic element endeavoring to stifle the voice and wishes of the people by brute force. Between these extremes we have beheld oscillate not a few of the prominent powers of both the old and new world, even in our day. In Europe, the tendency among governments formerly reckoned the most despotic, now appears to be towards constitutionalism. Among the most prominent examples of this favorable state of things, we may place Russia and Austria, for strange as it may seem to all who have been accustomed to regard the latter power as the most obstinate stickler for the institutions of times past, her progress during the past few years in substantial governmental reform has been most rapid. In this respect, however, her conduct presents a marked contrast with that of Prussia, and one by no means favorable to the latter. Whilst the Emperor has admitted the right of the Lower House of the Austrian Parliament to grant or withhold the supplies asked for by the Government, the King of Prussia, on his part, manifests no inclination to part with one iota of the power exercised by his ministers. His faith in the Divine Right of Kings is too strong to allow him to concede anything to modern constitutional morality. He appears to consider himself above all law, even the Constitution seems to present no barrier sufficient to keep him and his ministry—who must be taken to be mere puppets in his hands—within reasonable bounds. The Prussian Constitution, it is contended, requires the consent of parliament to be given before the Crown shall have the right to take and spend the people's money. This consent was refused last year by the Legislature. They refused to sanction an uncalculated expenditure for military affairs. The Budget of 1862 was, however, appropriated without their assent. After a violent altercation with the representatives of the people's interest, they were sent about their business by the King in October last. During the interval they have received from their constituents every token of approval of the stand made by them for constitutional rights. The King on his part has occupied the same time by pulling the wires for the purpose of creating a party in his favor. For even Kings are not now-a-days disposed to go far without some show of moral support. Whatever may have been his success in his endeavors in this respect—and it does not seem to have been much—he has evidently found himself obliged to again assemble his refractory parliament.

The opening speech, delivered by one of the Ministry commissioned by the King, seems to show some desire that the questions raised during the last session by the unconstitutional conduct of the King and his Ministry, should be got over as smoothly as possible. Speaking of the manner of doing this, it says: "This object will be arrived at if our constitution be firmly adhered to as the basis for the correct apprehension of the position of the representatives, and if the legislative powers, with mutual consideration of each other's constitutional rights, take their common task to be the promotion and welfare of the fatherland." It then goes on to the Budget for 1862, and states that the Government, in the absence of its not having been legally fixed, have exercised economy, and that the state of the finances is thoroughly satisfactory. This is treating the matter rather cavalierly. But the coolest thing is the statement that "the Government will present a proposition concerning the receipts and expenditures of the past year, and move for the retrospective approbation of both Houses of Parliament for the expenses incurred." Here is a tacit admission that the King's ministers, in appropriating without legislative authority the amount of last year's Budget, have laid themselves open to impeachment. The consequence is sought to be avoided by the retrospective action of parliamentary sanction of their past proceedings. Judging from the hostile tone with which the speech is reported to have been received, parliament will be unwilling to relieve the ministers from the liability they have incurred from their subservience to the King's command, unless at the price of their dismissal, and perhaps some concessions more immediately affecting the King. By a firm and consistent attitude under the present circumstances, the present legislature may do much to place Prussia, as regards an extension of constitutional privilege, in a more favorable position than she has hitherto occupied.

Conduct of the Mob.
Editor British Colonist.—I was pleased to read in your issue of yesterday, remarks about the conduct of those who crowded around the Indian woman in Store street on Tuesday last. In order to help to put such behavior down, allow me to give my interpretation (and on certain points I am sure I will give rise) to these half-brained notions that are often enacted at our doors. The present one is not the first I have seen, yet how disgraceful! Men (and I call them such) jostling and jostling, and being's parade on the occasion of a few poor wretches and actually calling the lady who with woman's kindness gave succor to the afflicted, a "fool for her trouble." Surely we are not going back to ancient times? Well, let the chief of the mob be known, and they will get better sense and more of human kindness into their hearts.
I am, Sir,
B. GILPIN LACY.

FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

We have files of Honolulu papers of February 19th, from which we glean as follows: The wool crop of the Waimea Grazing Co. amounts to 50,900 pounds; nearly all pure merino.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.

The anniversary of His Majesty's birthday, which occurred on Monday last, passed off very quietly. The Fire Department and several military companies turned out for the occasion, and at 12 o'clock a grand parade on the occasion of the 7th Regent's birthday ceremony were performed at the Episcopal Church, in the afternoon. His Majesty did not receive visitors as has been customary on the day heretofore.—Advertiser 12th February.

LIST OF DEATHS.

In a list of deaths will be found that of William Ladd, Esq. Thus passes away another of those foreign residents of Honolulu, who became established here long before the Hawaiian Kingdom was ranked among civilized and Christian nations. It is

met thirty years since the firm of Brinade Ladd & Hooper commenced business in Honolulu.—Editor.
A party started off, February 6th, to hunt up a wild man who lived at Niu, some eight or nine miles from Honolulu, who had been met with several times during ten years past. The advertiser says that after waiting about two hours, the messenger returned, accompanied by the wild man, who, on approaching the party, took off his hat as politely as a man-of-war's man, and shook hands with each of them. We found him unable to converse in either the vernacular, or the English, but he could speak broken words of Spanish. And here we may remark, that soon after his capture, when under the influence of liquor, he crossed himself as a Catholic; and more recently, when addressed by Mr. Wyllie, in Spanish, and requested to repeat a part of his creed, he did so very intelligently, showing that he had been brought up as a Catholic. His hair, which in his wild state was long and came down to his waist, has been cut; is combed, straight and black, like that of an Indian. About his mouth is a scar, as if burnt with powder, and another on his forehead. The expression of his eyes and countenance is pleasant, indicating anything but a malicious temper. He is probably not far from thirty-five years of age. There appears to be very little doubt that he is a Mexican Indian, a runaway from some ship; but when he came here, or by what vessel, we have no means of learning. The general belief of the natives is that he has lived in the mountains for 15 or 18 years, as a wild man has been known to be there for about that period. The party from Honolulu endeavored to induce him to come into town with them, but were unsuccessful. The next day, however, he came in, and was exhibited at the Merchants' Exchange, dressed up for the occasion in a sylvan costume, in it leaves so as to appear like a wild man.
The advertiser of the 5th of February, says one of their townsmen has been troubled at night with a peculiar singing noise, he got up and found a mouse quietly ensconced in the corner, singing away as merrily as a nightingale. The first musician, that he all alarmed, quietly permitted its capture, and when edged went on singing as before. It warbles like a bird, and in some of its variations, imitates very closely a canary, and as there is one of these birds in the same house, it is not unlikely it has learned from it how sing.

PROVINCIAL.

Dr. Tupper was unanimously elected President of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia at the annual meeting, recently held in Halifax.

John Anderson, the fugitive slave whose case excited so much interest some time since, is about to leave England for Liberia, where he intends to settle.

James McAllister, Esq., has resigned the office of Cashier of the Westernland Bank, the highest which he has held in the colony for the last eight years. On his retiring the Directors presented him with a gift of \$100. The Quebec papers have issued their annual reports upon the lumber trade of that port during the past year, from which it appears that the season just closed has been a very dull one. The stock of lumber in port on the 1st of December was largely in excess of that of former years. The continuance of the war, the prostration of the manufacturing districts of England, the new grain trade which has arisen in the Province, and some five or six other factors, have all conspired to produce this depression in the lumber business.

SHOOTING AFFAIR.—In Sonoma, California, on the 25th ult., Charles W. Branton and Gus Provost were shot by Robert Anderson. The Union Democrat has the following particulars of the affair.—Branton and Anderson both drew revolvers, and some five or six were fired. Provost was hit accidentally while attempting to interfere, the ball entering the right hip, inflicting a painful but not dangerous wound. Branton received a ball in the right side, a few inches above the hip bone, ranging downwards, and producing a very serious wound. The latter is an attaché of the American Flag office. Anderson escaped unhurt. He was afterwards arrested, and now awaits an examination. All the parties to this affair are young men whose families reside in the city.

CURIOUS MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.—An exceedingly curious musical instrument is used by the Indians of Southern Mexico, to whom it is peculiar, and who call it the "membrima." In shape the membrima is triangular, not unlike a common harp, and provided with keys, rings, stops, etc., for the production, condensation and regulation of the sound. But in this it is peculiar, that the sound itself or the tone of the instrument, is dependant entirely upon the material of which the pipes and keys are made. Moreover, the keys are not touched with the fingers as the piano, but by a little hammer, or "tocador." This hammer is sometimes of wood, sometimes of metal. The keys are rectangular in shape, and from six to eight inches in length. Some of these instruments are made entirely of rosewood, and the sound is the softest and most delightful that can be imagined. It is very fashionable, especially at the fandangoes. In other pueblos, less refined, the membrima is made of mahogany or lignum vitae, and sometimes of iron. In the latter case, however, the tone of the instrument, always somewhat monotonous, is by no means so pleasant as when the keys are of wood or of firm texture and delicate finish. In the hands of a skillful player, however, the time is the most perfect that can be imagined. It is remarked, as a curious coincidence at least, that the Indian membrima of Southern Mexico, is also known and highly prized in the mountains of Sicily and Northern Asia.

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For further information enquire of Messrs. O'Connell & Co., 120, or the undersigned, the Ranch, Victoria, V. I., March 18th, 1863.

NOTICE.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR the supply of MEAT, GROCERIES, BREAD, VEGETABLES and WATER, to the Victoria Prison for three months, from the 1st day of April next. Tenders to be addressed to the Acting Governor of the Jail and marked outside "Tenders, to be sent into the Prison on or before 12 o'clock noon, of Saturday, the 28th inst. Police Office, Victoria, V. I., March 18th, 1863.

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His Establishment about April 1st.

Meantime Mr. Adams will open his large assortment of

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NOTICE.

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A. SMYTH AND BROTHER HAVE taken the Hotel, in Douglas, lately occupied by Mr. Layton, and refitted it so as to make it one of the best in the Colony. Everything will be done to make its patron comfortable, and the charges will be moderate. The Restaurant will be supplied with the best of everything in season, and an excellent cook will be engaged to prepare the culinary department. The choicest liquors may always be had at the bar.

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